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SUBJECT: SOMALIA - KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTER PULSES  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON SOMALIA

Classified By: Somalia Unit Counselor Bob Patterson; reasons 1.4 (b,d).

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Kenyan Foreign Minister Wetangula on October 8 convened EU representatives and the U.S. for what he said was an informal discussion. Kenyan Foreign Minister Strongly Backs TFG  
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[1](#)2. (C) Kenyan Foreign Minister Wetangula hosted a lunch on October 8 for selected EU ambassadors, Somalia Unit representative in the absence of

[1](#)3. (C) Wetangula urged that aid be given immediately to the TFG. He mentioned unfulfilled international community financial pledges and suggested

[1](#)4. (C) Wetangula also urged a more active role for Somaliland and Puntland where there was a "semblance of order" in south-central Somalia. He

EU Ambassadors Back Weaker Federal Structures -----

[1](#)5. (C) The British Ambassador seconded much of what Wetangula said, but added that the TFG could do "more to help itself" than it had to date.

[1](#)6. (C) The Italian government seconded a weaker central government, noting that the last strong government, Siad Barre's, had consequences that

[1](#)7. (C) The EU Commission Special Representative described progress made in realizing EU pledges, then worried about the increasing prominence of

Spanish Ambassador More Critical, Urges Engagement with al-Shabaab  
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[1](#)8. (C) In the only discordant note of the lunch, the Spanish Ambassador dismissed the TFG as "too weak from the start." He quoted approvingly

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[1](#)9. (C) Wetangula's welcome initiative did not break any new ground, and the Foreign Minister offered no information about GOK efforts to assist

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